MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) The total stock of salt in all the factories till the end of 1118 Thai Pani was about 25,53,160 maunds.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

Work of the State Rice Officer (Mr. S. Rangaswami Aiyangar) at Tanjore.

40 *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*Tiruvella*): Will the Government be pleased to state the nature of work which the State Rice Officer (Mr. S. Rangaswami Aiyangar) was doing at Tanjore in the months of Meenam and Medom 1118?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The State Rice Officer (*Mr. S. Rangaswami Aiyangar*) was engaged in the inspection and despatch of the rice which was supplied to the State from Tanjore area by the Grain Purchase Officer, Tanjore.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the officer is still in the same place, doing the same work?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: He has gone from Tanjore to Trichinopoly.

Export of Agricultural products such as yams, banana etc.

41 *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN; Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the export of banana, pumpkins and yams such as chena, chembu and kachil from Travancore to other places has been prohibited; and

(*b*) if so, the date of such prohibition?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) in view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

Export of Sago.

42 *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the export of sago prepared out of tapioca flour from Travancore to other places has been prohibited; and

(*b*) if so, the date of such prohibition?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Possessing of tapioca powder is prohibited under Government Notification ROC. No. 2133-1/42/CFS., dated 18th November 1942 and export of tapioca in any form except under permits is also prohibited under Government Notification ROC. No. 2133/42/CFS., dated 25th October 1942.

(*b*) Please refer to answer to part (*a*).

The price of Coir and its products.

43 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a Board of Control has been established; and

(*b*) if so, the nature and extent of the work intended to be done by such a Board?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) A Trade Committee has been established.

(*b*) The member is referred to the Press Note, dated the 13th December 1943, vide copy placed on the table.

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